
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 11, 1863.

Read twice, ordered to be printed, and recommitted to the Committee for the District of Columbia

Mr. DELANO, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Supplementary to an act entitled "An act to amend an act to create a metropolitan police district of the District of Columbia, and to establish a police therefor," approved July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That from and after the passage of this act the police force
4 provided for the said metropolitan police district by the sev-
5 enth section of the act entitled an act, &c., and approved
6 August sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall be in-
7 creased, and shall consist as follows, to wit: of one superin-
8 tendent of police, one inspector of police, eight captains of
9 police, thirty-two sergeants of police, thirty-two roundsmen,
10 and three hundred patrolmen; the said officers to be ap-
11 pointed in the manner designated in the said seventh section,

12 and to hold their several offices, and to be subject, in every
13 respect, to the provisions contained in the said section; and
14 that the surgeons of police and detective officers shall con-
15 tinue as heretofore.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said metro-
2 politan police district shall be divided by the Board of Metro-
3 politan Police into precincts not exceeding eight in number,
4 and to each precinct shall be assigned a captain of police and
5 as many sergeants and patrolmen as the said board may
6 deem sufficient. And the said board may, if it shall be
7 deemed by it best for the interests of the said district, es-
8 tablish in those portions thereof, outside of the limits of the
9 cities of Washington and Georgetown, sub-precincts, and may
10 assign thereto any officer who it shall select for that purpose,
11 without reference to his position on the force, as acting cap-
12 tain in command of such sub-precinct, with the powers of
13 captain, under the rules and regulations of the board, but
14 without increase of pay.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Board of
2 Metropolitan Police may from time to time appoint clerks in
3 the office of the secretary of the board, not exceeding three in
4 number, to keep the records required to be kept by the said
5 board of police under the provisions of the fourteenth section
6 of the act of August sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one,
7 and doormen or turnkeys, not exceeding two to each station-

8 house. The persons thus appointed shall severally hold office
9 at the pleasure of the said board.

1 *SEC. 4. And be it further enacted,* That the pay of the
2 officers of the metropolitan police force shall be as follows:
3 of the superintendent, three thousand dollars per annum; of
4 the inspector of police, fifteen hundred dollars; of the captains,
5 one thousand dollars; of the sergeants, seventy-five dollars per
6 month; of the roundsmen, sixty-five dollars per month; of the
7 patrolmen, sixty dollars per month; and of the doormen or
8 turnkeys, forty dollars per month; and the pay of the secretary
9 and property clerk shall be the same as clerks of class four;
10 and that of the clerks in the office of the secretary the same
11 as clerks of class one in the executive departments, as provided
12 in the act of April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and fifty-
13 four.

1 *SEC. 5. And be it further enacted.* That a sum sufficient.
2 together with the sums elsewhere appropriated for the pur-
3 poses of said police, to carry into effect the provisions of this
4 act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury
5 not otherwise appropriated.

1 *SEC. 6. And be it further enacted,* That the Metropo-
2 litan Board of Police of the District of Columbia be, and
3 they are hereby, authorized in its discretion to expend from
4 any moneys comprising the "policeman's fund" to pay for
5 medicines or medical services for members of the police force

6 other than those of the pay of police surgeons, as nurses or
7 aids in their proper care, when wounded or sick by reason
8 of or in the strict discharge of their official duty, or in the
9 case of their decease, by reason of such discharge of duty,
10 proper funeral expenses; and if such deceased members of
11 the police force leave widows or children, then such widows
12 or children may be allowed not exceeding half-pay for the
13 term of six months, and not exceeding one year, at the dis-
14 cretion of said board of police, the said board having regard
15 to the condition of said "policeman's fund," such payment to
16 be made under its direction.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions
2 of this act, in so far as they make an increase in the number
3 of the said metropolitan police force, shall be limited in their
4 operation to the period of the existence of the present rebel-
5 lion, and shall not continue longer in force.